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SAC budget funds low, may mean cutting pubs

The Student Administrative Council's budget is low, meaning it will have to take money out of the pub funds and put it towards more important things such as travel and conferences.

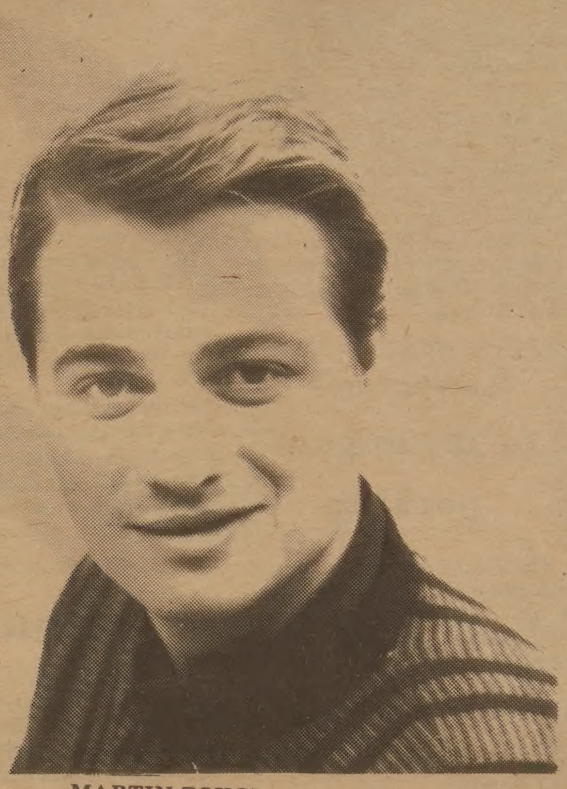
The number of on-campus pubs will probably be decreased because they do not make money Kathleen Harvey, SAC president, said. However, "there will be more off-campus pubs; we are looking for suggestions from students."

The money saved from not having pubs will go to something "major" like an electronic sign or a video screen for the cafeteria, she said.

The reason the budget is low is because orientation week was so expensive, Kathleen said. "Actually we are not bad for this time of the year; we just have to watch our funds to be sure we don't end up with a deficit."

"The budget is monitored closely by administration even though we are incorporated," Kathleen said.

A decision will be made at the SAC meeting tonight on how many more on-campus pubs there will be.



MARTIN POKOL

Journalism student bound for China

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Martin Pokol, second-year journalism student, is on the road to China after reading an article in an October issue of the Niagara News.

"I'm thrilled, ecstatic — speechless," he said. "When I first found out I was on top of a cloud."

Martin, 25, found out Jan. 22 that he was one of two community college students chosen to take part in an educational exchange program with China. He will attend school during his three or four months in the province of Jiangsu. He expects to leave for China this summer.

"China has so much history behind it and this is a chance to experience the history and culture of the country."

During his stay in China, Martin will take Chinese language classes and study martial arts.

Martial arts go beyond what is seen in movies. They are both philosophical and athletic, he said. The goal is "getting the mind and body working as one."

TO BE CONFIRMED

The program was arranged through the Ontario-Jiangsu Educational Exchange and Martin was chosen by the Ontario committee. Official confirmation from the Chinese committee is expected in March, he said.

During a 40-minute interview held early last month, Martin answered questions ranging from why he wants to study martial arts to what problems he expects to encounter in China.

Along with his application form, Martin said he had to send a resume, birth certificate and two letters of reference.

See China Pg. 2

Renovations for Niagara

The provincial government has given Niagara College $187,000 in funds to do renovations around the college, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, told the Board of Governors Jan. 22.

The work will go to people outside the college as a make work program.

The money must be used by March of this year. Miss Robarts said the college should have no problem using the money and the work will not interfere with any classes.

The money may be used for such things as filling in the "pits" in the library and replacing the old carpet.

Head librarian Patricia Lebonte said the filling in of the "pits" has been talked about for some time because of a noise problem and lighting problems in the library.

The noise is increased by the design of the building which reflects noise, and the low ceilings on the first floor of the library cause lighting problems in the stacks. Ms. Lebonte said she has been unable to meet with plant and property manager Jack Spittle so she could not be sure if the renovations will take place.

But filling in the "pits" and moving the stacks to the second floor would solve both problems.

To cost $1,150

SAC to get mascot for festivals, parades

By the beginning of the Winter Carnival the last week of February, Niagara College should have a mascot.

Sir SAC is costing the Student Administration Council $1,150 plus sales tax, money which is coming out of the special events fund.

A mascot is a great advantage and it will last forever, Carri Emerick, vice-president of external affairs, said at the SAC meeting Jan.26. She is hoping Sir SAC will appear in festivals and parades in the community. He will be giving away prizes on SAC-attack Tuesdays and will be used to promote special events.

Sir SAC is being designed by the Costume Shop which designed Dick the Duck the mascot from the Aqua Duck.

Friday

Last day for changes

Graduating students and anyone unsure if all program requirements have been met have only a short time left to do something about it.

Friday is the last day for hotel and restaurant administration program students to register for the winter term, add courses or change programs. It is also the last day to withdraw with a partial refund.

Feb. 23 is the last day for horticultural technician students to drop courses or withdraw without academic penalty.

Other programs have until March 18 to drop courses or withdraw without any academic penalty this term.

Will it come to $75 tows for blocking buses?

By LORI FLAXY
Staff Writer

The problem of illegally parked cars blocking the bus route is getting worse, Joe Hrechanyk, Welland Transit superintendent, said.

The company was to decide last Thursday whether to discontinue bus service on college property, but the decision was not known at press time. A committee of six aldermen and the mayor was reviewing the situation.

"In the event we pull out of the college, it won't be permanent," Mr. Hrechanyk said.

Jack Spittle, plant and property manager, disagreed that the problem was getting worse. But he agreed that parked cars blocking the bus route in front of the Merritt building outside parking lot E did constitute a problem.

WILL TOW AWAY

"Whatever is necessary to correct the situation will be done," he said. This would include towing cars away.

Notices were put on cars last week to congratulate the owners of the illegally parked vechicles that they could receive a $75 towing fee.

Mr. Hrechanyk said Welland Transit would have notified the students by last Friday with a new schedule posted in the bus shelter and drivers would notify the students on the bus.

Paul Olah, director of the Welland Fire Prevention Bureau, said the situation could be potentially dangerous. But the problem is on private property and it is up to the college to clear it up.

If the college cannot solve the problem and it gets worse, then further action will be taken by the Welland Fire Department.

He investigated the parking problem at the school to see if illegally parked cars would hinder the passage of fire trucks onto the college property in the event of a fire.

He said that on Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. (a Friday), he did not notice a parking problem.

ACCESS ESSENTIAL

He sent a letter to Mr. Spittle stating the Ontario Fire Code which is: Reg. 730/81, Article 2.5.1.5., streets, yards and private roadways provided for fire department access shall be maintained so as to be immediately ready for use at all times by Fire Depatment vehicles. Where a sign or signs are displayed, vehicles shall not park or be allowed to be parked so as to interfere with our access to the buildings or other emergency.

Mr. Herchanyk said, "I am hoping the college will take some action," The bus drivers are totally irate but realize the college is trying.

On Mr. Hrechanyk's random checks of the bus routes around the college, he has noticed more

See Bus Pg. 2

Congratulations

You have just become eligible for a $75 tow.

Your vehicle has been ticketed for illegal parking under Bylaw No. 7382. The cost is $5.

However, your vehicle may be towed away, at your expense, if it is found to be illegally parked again.

Warning before the tow

Illegal parkers who block bus and fire routes around the Welland campus of the college are being warned that they are in for substantially higher penalties through these yellow notices on their windshields. The notices accompany tickets issued to the drivers for illegal parking. The cost of a tow may be as high as $75, plus the cost of a ticket for illegal parking. Tickets, which carry the wording "Tagged for Towing," mean that the cars on which they are placed will be found missing if they are ticketed a second time.

These cars eligible

New courses begin for Labor Studies

The labor studies department has started off to an extremely busy term with many new courses scheduled between February and the end of April.

Labor studies students who are highly motivated and who need an extra three credits to finish their certificate, should look into Trade Unions in Canada.

This history course is being offered on an independent study basis which means no formal classroom attendance is required. Students will only need to meet with the instructor for such things as evaluations and to find out when assignments are due.

"This course is good for people who have children or who would otherwise be unable to attend classes," Sherry Rosen, labor studies co-ordinator, said.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS

Alcohol and Drug Awareness for Union Members is being offered twice this term. Section 80 of the course started on Jan. 18 and will continue until Feb. 18. It is being held at the Rainbow Hotel Centre in Niagara Falls. The other section will take place at the Welland Campus on Labor Studies Weekend from Feb. 20 to 21.

The course is sponsored by Niagara College labor studies, the Niagara Falls and District Labor Council, the Addiction Research Foundation and United Way of Niagara Falls.

Labor Studies Weekend, Feb. 20 to 21 is a weekend of courses for union members, but is not restricted to them.

Six courses are being offered: Steward Training A, Union Administration, Collective Bargaining Two, Basic Labor Law, Alcohol and Drug Awareness for Union Members, and a special section for the Letter Carriers Union of Canada (LCUC), Route Structuring for Letter Carriers. Dick Barry, president of the United Electrical Workers Union, will be a guest speaker the Friday night.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Labor Studies is working on setting up a special session on occupational health and safety level 2 on Fridays, starting Feb. 13. This course is specifically for United Electrical Workers doing shift work.

In addition, labor studies is sponsoring a 15-hour educational activity with the Independent Steel Workers Union. The event will be held at Casa del Toro Feb. 12 and 13. About 60 people are expected to attend.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is holding a labor educational school at the Welland campus April 3 and 4. Four to five different courses will be offered. Forty to 60 people are expected to attend.

Labor studies is co-sponsoring two courses with the CUPE local March 20 to 21. The courses are geared exclusively to their members. Twenty to 30 people are expected.

"It's been a very busy term for labor studies and we anticipate a number of other activities before the end of May," Mrs. Rosen said.

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Bus

cars parking around the bus shelter.

"The drivers are concerned and have requested that they do not go into the college."

If Welland Transit decides to cut the bus service into the college it will be for a probationary period.

Once this problem is cleared up, the Welland Transit is prepared to go back into the college, he said. The routes are clear in the early mornings but by 9 a.m., the cars are jammed around the driveways at the entrance of the Merritt building outside of parking lot E. So he implied the service would continue into the college until 9 a.m. After 9 bus number 3 would drop the students off at Woodgate Avenue and First Avenue which is across from the Niagara College entrance on First Avenue.

He said he feels sorry for the people who take the transit because it is not their fault. It is a long, cold walk from the bus stop at Woodgate and First.

Yvon Ipperciel, 23, a third-year radio and television student, is upset that bad parking habits may cause him to walk further to get to the college.

He travels on the bus about 1½ hours a day and feels that it is a real inconvenience when it is not his fault.

"I rely on the bus service a great deal," he said. "It could make a difference if I am stuck walking. I would be late for classes."

"I fully agree with the cars being towed because the ticketing doesn't seem to do too much."

Mr. Spittle thinks this kind of problem will force the college into starting a paid parking system. In the long run, this will cost the students more money each term.

If the parking tickets are ignored the city, will send summons to the illegal parkers.

Mr. Spittle said about 25 parking tickets at $5 each are issued each day.

Governors to investigate parking

The Board of Governors will be looking into parking problems at the college, new chairman William Ford said after the Jan. 22 board meeting.

Asked about the problems, Mr. Ford said he could not promise the question would be on the next agenda, but it will be looked into.

It will be a board decision if the college's parking policy is to change, he said.

The Welland Transit Commission is worried about illegally parked cars blocking bus routes and may stop coming on to the campus altogether.

"We will have to look at the whole picture," Mr. Ford said. Brock University had parking problems for years and the parking situation at the college will be looked into to find a solution that will make everyone happy.

China

According to the information he has received so far, China will provide accommodations and medical care. Ontario will provide transportation to and from China and both sides will contribute towards a monthly allowance.

Martin felt lucky to have been chosen. He said many applicants probably had higher academic qualifications, but the qualities that may have helped him were an "open mind" and "adventuresome spirit."

"I've done extensive travel on my own," he said. He also worked for five years on the boats throughout the Great Lakes and east coast before returning to school in 1985.

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Lonely winterland

Nestled between the banks of the Welland Canal behind the Seaway Mall, the half-frozen water leaves a pattern on the thin surface of ice that covers it. Trees sparsely populate the lonely banks of the canal and on a sunny day, it looks barren.

Snowmobile tracks wander along the edge of the canal as far as the eye can see. The Welland Canal has been closed since the end of December.

Photo by Lori Flaxy

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Minister of Skills Development to officially open college office

Gregory Sorbara, Minister of Skills Development, will visit the college Feb. 17 for the official opening of the Ontario Skills Development Office in Hennepin Hall.

Niagara College President Jacqueline Robarts and other local dignitaries will attend the ceremony.

The office opened Oct. 1, taking over from where the Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) program left off. While TIBI's main function was to encourage businesses to invest by offering incentives, OSD has expanded that mandate with a five-part strategy.

Helping companies in the region upgrade their own training capabilities and the skills of their staff is the main mandate of the OSD office.

The office is funded as part of the Ontario Training Strategy, announced last September by the Ministry of Skills Development to help businesses and industries in Ontario remain competitive.

The office is directly involved with the community offering a training consulting service. Most of the companies are small and do not have the expertise to plan training programs for their staff.

"We work as consultants with companies with the hope that they will be able to undertake their own training programs keeping their staff up to date," Bea Clark, OSD manager, said.

5-PART STRATEGY

The five parts of the strategy are a training consulting service, training incentives, trades updating, access programs and an institute for skills training.

Under the Ontario Skills program, if the client is training employed persons, the provincial government will subsidize the training, depending on the size of the company. If the company has fewer than 200 workers, the government will subsidize up to 80 per cent and if it has more, the government will subsidize up to 60 per cent.

To determine the size of the subsidy, the employer must work with a training consultant to see which costs are eligible and at that point an assessment is made.

Since it opened, the office has served more than 150 clients, but there is still a backlog of more than 100 clients on the waiting list. "We expect to give the clients more service than in the past spending a bit more time, improving the service and making it more extensive," Mrs. Clark said.

"The province recognizes there is a backlog and is holding off its major advertising campaign until March when the 30 OSD offices around the province will be working at a steadier pace."

The office does not work directly with graduates in the sense that they refer them to companies, but some people the office deals with are graduates of the college in supervisory positions who know the college can help.

Team blasts Pokol, defends Bedesky

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

The result of Jan. 19 editorial by Martin Pokol has spread ill feelings among the basketball team towards Martin and the Niagara News.

The editorial criticized assistant coach Bob Bedesky for negative comments made after a 50-point loss to Bryant and Stratton. It was based on a Jan. 19 article in which Mr. Bedesky said "We were kids compared to them." Martin defended the team and attributed the loss to the superior quality of basketball in the United States.

Most of the players and the coach thought the editorial was irresponsible journalism. Coach Steve Holman refuses to talk to the Niagara News after a game and Mr. Bedesky has written his reply in this edition.

Starting forward Gord Bonisteel said freedom of the press gave him (Martin) the right to editorialize but he was wrong in writing it, for Martin has never met Mr. Bedesky and wasn't at the game.

RESPECT COACH

"It's not right, he's our coach; we have to respect our coach," Gord said. "Whatever looks bad on one guy looks bad on the whole team."

"He's a coach — coaches always cut up a team." he said. Gord said it serves only as constructive criticism and one has to know the circumstance in which he said these things at "the heat of the moment."

"I don't care what others think," Gord said. "I respect him for what he is — one of my coaches."

Rick Nalazek said the affair should have been "kept private — in the van." It is only Mr. Bedesky's way to put down the team in order to pump up adrenalin for the next game and therefore one has to know Mr. Bedesky before writing it.

Austin Jelbert, editor-in-chief of the Niagara News said, "I feel Mr. Pokol's editorial was fair in light of the comments of Mr. Bedesky. I do now see the team didn't feel the same and that's their privilege.

EQUAL SPACE

"Equal space is provided for Mr. Bedesky with his letter (in this edition) and I would like to thank him for his view."

He said Martin was only reacting to what appeared to be unfair comment "and in light of Mr. Bedesky's reply, perhaps we could say that Mr. Pokol's comments were of a similar nature."

Peter Rylander, athletic coordinator, said he didn't think the editorial "was that bad" because it got some advertising for the team and served to bring the team closer together.

"Any kind of print — as long as it is not too detrimental to the program — is good," he said.

2 faculty members travel to China within year

By MAUREEN MARTIN
Staff Writer

Two Niagara College faculty members are on the high road to China.

Jo-Anne Willment and Mary Bondarchuk were chosen by the Ontario committee of an educational exchange program with China and are waiting for official acceptance from the Chinese committee.

Mrs. Bondarchuk was enthusiastic about the prospect of teaching in the Jiangsu province, but cautious until the approval becomes official.

"I'm excited about the whole situation but the project itself has not been defined — so until I'm on that plane anything can happen."

The proposal for Mrs. Bondarchuk is that she leave in January 1988. "I will teach dental hygiene skills — similar to what I do in the clinic here — to those who will in turn teach." The idea is to teach teachers, she said.

Mrs. Bondarchuk said she had read a series of articles about how China wants to develop "middle tier personnel to render services."

After reading the articles, "I figured I had a chance."

One such example is the dental hygienist who does jobs that do not require a dentist's training. These jobs include scaling and polishing teeth and teaching people how to look after their teeth.

Mrs. Bondarchuk feels certain she will be in a hospital or clinic setting for her stay of about three months.

"Getting into a whole new environment is rather exciting," she said.

Originally there were more than 400 applicants, but this was narrowed to 25.

"Niagara certainly had a bumper crop," she said, referring to the fact that Niagara College will be represented by herself, Ms. Willment and journalism student Martin Pokol.

Ms. Willment had no comment at this time.

CRNC seeks $3,000 to raise spirits

By BOBBIE STOREY
Staff Writer

CRNC, the college radio station, asked the Student Administrative Council for $3,000 to promote school spirit and the radio station at the SAC meeting Jan. 26.

Representatives from the station, RTV students Diana Meder and Kent Chambers, said they do not expect to get all of the money. The amount they will be granted will be decided at the

CRNC asked for $300 to $500 to install new speakers in the library, mini-cafeteria, SAC office, Fashion Boutique, second floor lounge in the Simcoe building, the gymnasium and outside the SAC office. They also asked for $300 for cables to hook up the speakers.

These speakers would help to unify the school, Diana said. In the future the radio station is hoping to install speakers at the satellite campuses to keep them informed on what is happening.

"The radio station has changed its format this year," Diana said. "We changed for the students."

CRNC also asked SAC for $1,000 to buy new records which the students would enjoy.

The RTV students are planning to hold a conference at Niagara College and asked SAC for $1,500 to fly in a radio talent from the United States. The conference will feature local radio personalities and will be open to all radio stations. "It would put Niagara College on the map," Diana said.

They are also looking into getting a low power frequency which would enable them to broadcast within a 10-mile radius of the college.

Many of these proposals are for the future, Diana said. "We do not expect SAC to give us all the money." The major concern is the installation of the speakers.

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Editorial

Get butts in gear

Smoking, it's in the news every day so everyone must know all about it. In fact most people must be sick of the subject.

Everyone must know smoking directly kills about 30,000 Canadians each year, mainly through cancer of the lungs, mouth, larynx and bladder, heart disease, emphysema and fires.

Everyone must know second-hand smoke kills about 500 Canadians each year.

Everyone must know cigarette smoke causes birth defects, premature aging of the skin and may cause impotency.

Everyone must know about all the bans on smoking in some work places and how some companies aren't hiring smokers.

Why do people continue to smoke? Maybe they don't care about their own health or the others who are adversely affected or they don't have the will power to stop. Maybe they don't read newspapers or watch the news.

Niagara College, like other institutions, is doing something about it. Niagara has formed a smoking committee. What a bold decisive move on the college's part, always on the cutting edge. It is probably better to study the problem a little longer instead of doing something crazy like implementing a total ban. Wouldn't want to hurt anyone's feelings.

The next thing you know the college will be doing something about the parking problem. One step at a time. The world wasn't created in a week was it?

Douglas Ives

Too much choice?

Today's society has had to face a problem different from any other problem faced in the history of mankind. Since the day of the ancient civilizations there has been the problem of what to do with unwanted children.

Hospitals are performing abortions under the supposedly watchful eye of therapeutic committees. The question that is being asked is whether or not the unwanted child should be aborted.

Canadians are talking about the immeasurable value of a human life, when talking about the death penalty. At the same time they consider the fetus that eventually grows into the baby inhuman, just another bothersome organism.

People are talking about pro-choice when it comes to the life of a fetus, but why they are intelligent enough to know when to abort?

These same people have to be told to do something as simple as wear their seatbelt when they enter a car. How can our society say they are intelligent when all the proof of the damage drunk driving can cause is presented and people are still found driving drunk?

The abortion issue has plagued mankind since it was discovered. The fight to stop abortions has been carried along not only by religious groups but also by concerned people from every walk of life.

How can our civilized world, which professes to be more advanced than the ancient empires, still condone a practice that has continued to put a black mark on man?

How can a society where the people have to be told to put on seatbelts be trusted to make a decision on a far greater scale — like abortion.

Michael Schalk

Here's one, Albert!

This faculty member's car was parked in front of a No Parking sign in front of the Merritt Building last week. Drivers of cars such as this one shouldn't be surprised to find their vehicles towed away the next time they are parked illegally. Welland Transit Commission is finding it more and more difficult for buses to wend their way in and out of illegally parked cars to reach the bus stops at the Merritt Building. The commission is threatening to cut service into the campus from First Avenue. Fire department inspectors will be watching for cars which block fire routes. Tickets for blocking fire routes cost substantially more.

Letters

For shame, Martin

Dear Editor,

How do I love thee, let me count the ways.

I would like at this time to take issue with the article written in the Jan. 19 Niagara News entitled "For Shame, Bob."

Mr. Pokol should enlarge his knowledge of U.S. colleges and their "Pick of the best players in the country" programs, before he condescendingly gives the benefit of sympathy to the Niagara Knights basketball team.

In a recent conversation with Bryant and Stratton's new head basketball coach, Mr. Joe Jusko, a few pertinent facts were discussed. They have three returning starters from last year, three players who never played basketball in high school and the remainder of their roster were picked up within one week of their programs' commencement. Although their school provides some deferment of tuition for their players, none exceeds the benefits offered by the Ontario colleges. None of the players were recruited outside of the city and Mr. Jusko admitted that they definitely do not have any outstanding stars on their team. They have no facilities of their own. The particular game in question was played at a rented Erie Community College gymnasium with four attending fans in the bleachers. ——— "Big Pressure?!"

It's high time that someone quit looking for excuses about Niagara College's poor team showings and started seeing the unabashed truth. Unfortunately, the body refuses to cure itself, and so I feel compelled to act as this much needed injection of reason.

The Niagara Knights are a victim of poor high school and pre-high school coaching, poor supportive response from the student body and alumni, and a pathetic overall school attitude.

A losing record is the direct result of a terrible and putrid "who cares?" attitude. A winning effort is the direct result of concerned and realistic attitudes and actions.

Take it from a lifelong "Basketball Jones," these are the facts. As for the comments on one Martin Pokol, he would do well to research his material before he publishes it for the consumption of his sadly uninformed readers. He might even entertain the outlandish prospect of actually attending a game.

For shame, Martin.

Bob Bedesky
Assistant basketball coach

Good work, Suzanne

Dear Editor,

The story on the blizzard of '77 done by Suzanne Hernandez in the last edition of the News was a joy to read. It had an intriguing intro., a logical organization and an easy, flowing style. But the story had something else. Between the lines was another story...of Suzanne's perseverence in doing the research, in getting the interviews, in going after the human interest angle and in seeing a major story through to completion. It has the mark of a professional and I congratulate her.

Sincerely

Gene Maltais

Memories return

Dear Editor,

I wish to congratulate Suzanne Hernandez on her recent article regarding the Blizzard of '77.

It was most obvious to the reader that much time and energy had been expended to contact the various people mentioned in the article. I am sure she brought back many memories with this most accurate account of one of this area's worst storms in history.

Well done, Suzanne!

Lorraine Gelinas
Allied Health & Pre-School Education

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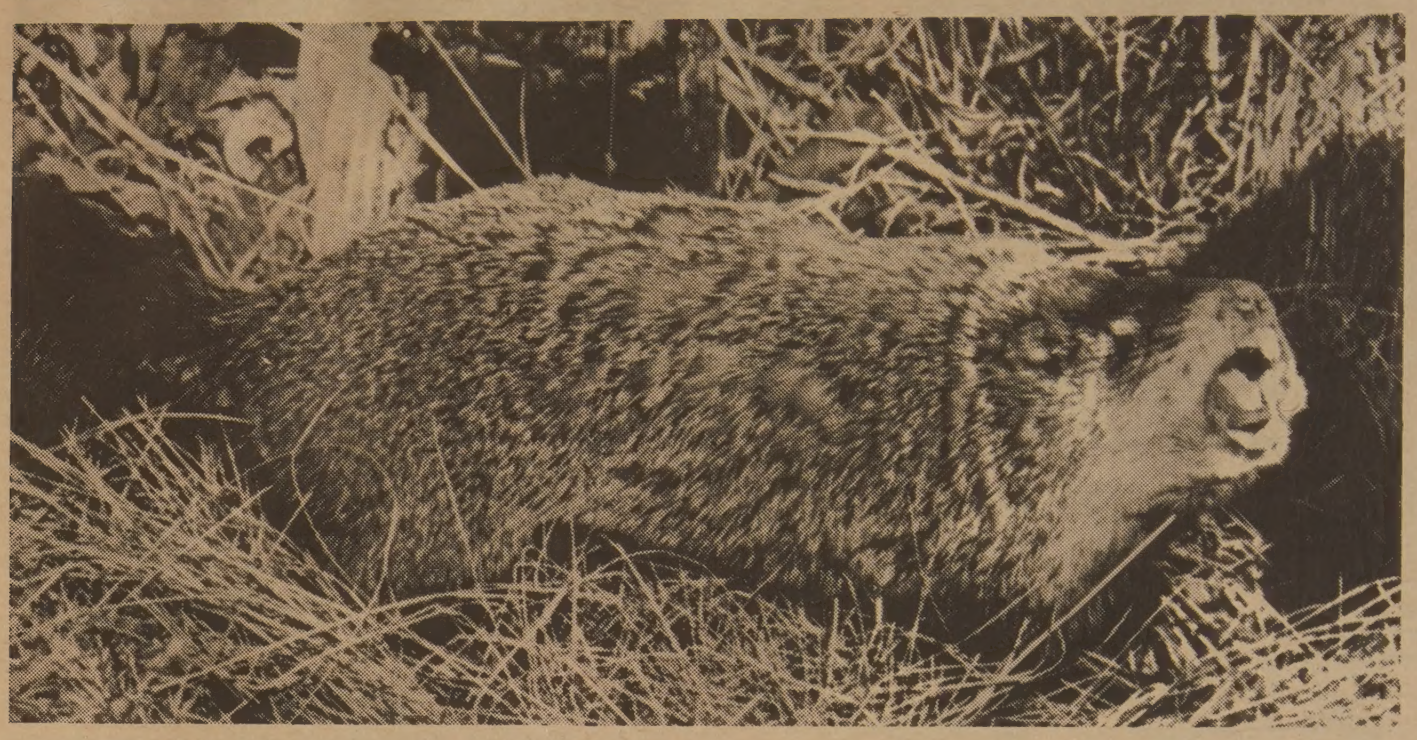
Focus

on Groundhog Day



Gregory Groundhog greets his public and predicts the next six weeks of weather.

Mystery, intrigue, conspiracy

Secret deals surround groundhog

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

Believe it or not, there is a lot of controversy surrounding Groundhog's Day.

Legend has it a groundhog comes out, sees its shadow and dozes off for six more weeks. A variation on this fable in Canada substitutes the bear for the groundhog.

To the public this might appear to be Russian propaganda sneaked into our libraries by a network of KGB secret agents posing as senators.

But this reporter knows better. The misinformation was planted by Brian Mulroney and his quasi-Conservative government. In a last-ditch effort to save Canada's cultural identity, Mulroney agreed to trade Canadian groundhogs for American bears. The reason was that bears are more Canadian than groundhogs. Beavers would not do, for they live in water and every Feb. 2 they knock themselves silly on that dam roof. Polar Bears are Canadian but one must be an Inuit or crazy to live that far north.

A clandestine Irish summit set the stage for the exchange. An insider reported that both leaders stressed "freer and fairer trade." Both also wanted each beast to go in pairs.

"There's no reason — it just would be so cute," Ronald Reagan said.

Talks

Talks were stalled when Mulroney found out that bears do not live in holes and are lacking the palate for tainted tuna.

Later Mulroney changed his mind and boasted, "A bear's shadow is much bigger — bigger than even their William, the 'refrigerator', Perry."

"And if their weather skills aren't up to par, we got ourselves some new Canadian football league franchises out east better than even that Chicago team."

The night of the exchange, everything went wrong. A new stricter Canadian immigration policy prevented the bears from getting visas to leave the U.S. much to the dismay of John Poindexter and Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North. Stranded, and miles away from Yellowstone Park, the bears were recruited by the ex-coach of the Buffalo Sabres, Scotty Bowman, in cahoots with the Russians to play for their next junior hockey team. Others passed themselves off as overweight sables or trainers.

Mulroney, not wanting to be outdone, required something in return. So he accepted Reagan's terms: 1. The auto pact would stay the same pending a lost argument with Congress and 2. A couple of cases of Old Milwaukee Lite.

The crossing point of the Niagara River was chosen near the Peace Bridge.

The baddest of cats were there, transcending political and language barriers. The groundhogs were piled into a barge with Rene Fontaine and Sinclair Stevens at the helm. Kenneth Keyes was the navigator and sold drinks to all hogs with proper I.D. Needless to say, with Mulroney's instructions by Walkie Talkie, the barge crashed into the bridge.

Survived

The groundhogs survived the icy cold water but were obliterated by dioxin. They felt no pain because they were already polluted. Keyes, Stevens and Fontaine managed to hold reeds in their teeth until the barge was removed. It is rumored that Quebec strongarm Andre Bissonnette is still under.

Because Keyes fell asleep, the mission was pegged the "snooze cruise," while others called it "varmint voyage." Whatever the label, it certainly is the wackiest scam ever to go down in human history.

The results are sad. There are virtually no groundhogs in Canada except for the occasional squashed one on Highway 406.

Gov't creates jobs

The provincial government's summer job programs will provide for 62,000 jobs for students this summer.

Funding for the programs has been increased from $43.8 million to $45.1 million to create 1,000 more jobs and to cover the increase in the minimum wage, Ontario Skills Development Minister Gregory Sorbara announced.

In a speech to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sorbara said that the outlook for the summer job market is generally healthy.

"This government is continuing its commitment to young people because we know that summer job employment adds immeasurably to the on-the-job training and work experience of our youth," he said.

The summer job programs are set up in three areas. The first is the Start-up program, which provides interest-free loans to students for summer businesses. The second, the Ontario Summer Employment Program, pays employers $1.25 an hour towards the salaries of young people hired for new summer jobs. Experience '87, the third program, will provide career-related jobs in 26 Ontario ministries and associated organizations.

The minister also announced a 50 per cent increase in the amount of loans to students to start up summer businesses. The upper limit of the loans will go to $3,000 from $2,000.

Mr. Sorbara emphasized that the government is trying to tap all of Ontario's human resource potential, promote the growing importance of small business and entrepreneurial activity in the province and promote co-operation between the public and private sector.

He hoped that part of the solution to the youth unemployment problem is to prepare young people to meet the demands of a rapidly changing labor market.

Now for the real tale.....maybe

By MARLENE NAGEL
Staff Writer

The famous weatherman, Gregory Groundhog, said weather predicting was fun in the "old days," but science has taken over and the fun has disappeared.

With his overcoat slung over his shoulder Mr. Groundhog gestured wildly with his derby in his hand about the "boorish" reporters who always interfere with his winter sleep on Feb. 2, Groundhog Day.

"What I don't understand is why they always pick on me," Mr. Groundhog said. "All they have to do is study the weather reports to find out how long winter will last, just as I do."

"It's so tiring having to check the weather reports EVERY year just so people will know, and all those reporters crowded around my doorway to see if I poke my head above the ground."

His little round body shook as he chucked. "When you think about it, it seems a little ridiculous, the duration of winter supposedly depending on whether I pop out of my home or not."

With his monocle in his eye, and his hands in the pocket of his vest in which a pocket watch rests, he shook his head. "It will be a very sad day if I ever forget to check the reports, you know my memory isn't as good as it used to be."

"You know, Groundhog Day is based on a custom which people from Germany and Great Britain brought over. People believe if the sun is shining when I stick my head out of the ground my shadow frightens me and I go back to my home; therefore, there will be six more weeks of winter. If it is a cloudy day I stay out of my home and that means spring will soon come. Superstitious nonsense.

"It's probably the only time that good weather serves as a bad omen."

"Actually, Groundhog Day is a variation of the European tradition that a sunny Candlemas Day, also Feb. 2, indicates a long winter. Spring planting was begun on this day."

He walked along at a brisk pace, swinging his umbrella as he chatted.

"I remember the old days," he sighed; "everyone set their own pace. I left my home if I felt like it, if I was still tired I'd stay in bed. Now, if I don't show up and they think I'm wrong, they never let me live it down. But nothing ever stays the same does it?

"I have no idea why they picked me, a groundhog, to make such a tremendous decision. Mind you, it's an honor, but it gets so tiring sometimes. Well, they always say fame comes with a high price. I just wish I could get a break, just once, but that's wishful thinking."

So if you want to know what's going to happen today, why not check the weather reports and let Mr. Groundhog sleep in peace?

Clowns perform ballet

Two internationally acclaimed companies, Theatre Beyond Words and Theatre Smith-Gilmour, are joining forces to present a hilarious spoof of classical music, ballet and romantic love called Rites of Spring: A Clown Ballet For Lovers Only.

The Rites of Spring will be presented at The Studio, Brock University at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7.

The show, based on Stravinsky's masterpiece, takes a look at the humorous side of meeting and falling in love. It combines the ordered discipline of classical music and dance with the apparently disordered world of theatrical clown. The clown team of Michelle Smith and Dean Gilmour performs regularly in Toronto.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for students and children.

Students get IMAX tour

Radio and television instructors and students were shown through the IMAX projection booth at Pyramid Place, Niagara Falls, recently. Picture quality on the six time normal sized film has to be appreciated, critics say. Niagara College film and theatre students worked in technical positions during the shooting of the film. Each 45-minute film costs $15,000 in film stock alone.

Radio and television students Joe Fabiano (right) and Brian Belchior inspect an authentic birch bark canoe used in the IMAX film, Niagara — Magic, Myths and Miracles. The first-year students were among others who toured the IMAX projection booth at Pyramid Place recently.

Against all odds

Sue Hanna gets top marks in all-male CNC class

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

She's not the first nor will she be the last female Numerical Computer Control graduate.

Nonetheless, Sue Hanna's achievement is remarkable.

The president of the St. Catharines Campus student senate finished at the top of her all-male class and landed a job working for Fabris Industries in Winona.

It was the only job she applied for through Manpower and it fit her criteria. First, the company was ready to accept a woman. Second, Mrs. Hanna said she did not want to "get lost in the shuffle" working in a large conglomerate like General Motors where she could end up on one machine in a continuous production run. Nor did she want to go to some small shop lacking in equipment.

Male-dominated

She was looking for the "best of both worlds" and in the end the "middle shop won out."

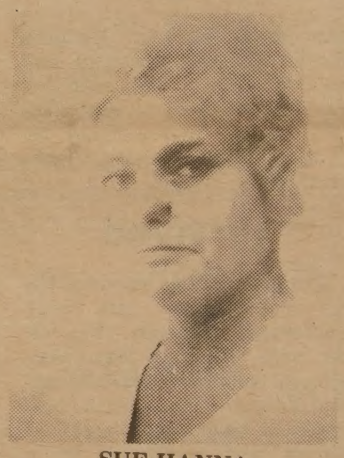
There are few women in the field "because the machine shop has always been male-dominated," she said. "The sight (of machines) scares a lot of women off and the understanding scares a lot of people off."

CNC is operating machines tools, like lathes and milling machines, using computer programs.

From day one she was intimidated by the program. Her first question was "What the placement percentages for women were?" Mrs. Hanna said the teacher's response was 80 per cent for men and for women he didn't know for they've never had any (women).

In reality, over the three years the CNC program has been running, there have been two or three women of nine or 10 who have "done well" and found jobs, Paul Evans, co-ordinator, said.

"There is no difference.



SUE HANNA

Women can do just as well as men," he said. The only limitation is the lack of physical strength but this can be overcome with the advent of a robotic arm in some machines.

"It's traditionally a man's trade," but he said this is changing.

She said the men in the class exhibited "a lot of jealousy" because she is a woman. There was no in-between feelings for the outgoing and frank Mrs. Hanna. "They either really admired me or just plain hated my guts."

Personable

One "guy" in her class even tried to oust her as president of the student senate but nobody would sign his petition, she said, roaring with laughter.

In the long run they had to accept her for she is personable, popular and equal in their field. However, acceptance was the last of her worries, for Mrs. Hanna had to juggle the presidency, a difficult program and motherhood.

There were a couple of classes she missed but she made up for them.

Mrs. Hanna said all her teachers were understanding of her occasional absenteeism due to senate duties and meetings.

"She's one of the few that could handle it," Mr. Evans said.

Her closest call was missing drafting and blueprint drawing classes due to bi-weekly senate meetings and was forced to "cram" all her drawings together in the last week to graduate.

Added on to her duties, the Stoney Creek native, who lived in St. Catharines with her husband, have a 13-year-old son, Jacob.

"I imagine he's (Jacob) more relieved than I am" that it's over, Mrs. Hanna said. "There was quite a few times when he's had to get shoved aside" because of school work.

As senate president, Mrs. Hanna said her main objective was to inform students about the school and the senate. The main thrust of her objective was accomplished through orientation day. Every Monday, new students coming into the school are informed about the senate and school activities.

Her goal was to bring the students together through activities such as pub nights, ski trips and card and dart tournaments.

"Once you give, it's easy (for students) to get involved," Mrs. Hanna said. This way "everyone gets to meet someone else."

With her job starting Feb. 2, her term as president has ended. Like the future for everyone, Mrs. Hanna's future is uncertain but the program has provided her with a way into the male-dominated world and the job market.

"Once one door is opened, the freedom to open the rest is up to me — but it is passing that first threshold."

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Television security cameras were installed in the labs in Lundy building over Christmas to combat the rising thefts.

The cameras were installed after a $600 VHS scanner and two Fluke meters worth $200 to $300 a piece were stolen from L19 in December.

It is a shame to have the equipment stolen because it will restrict students from using it in the future, Ron Mattola, technician, said.

Even though the equipment is insured the deductible is too high to replace one or two items that are stolen. If the room was destroyed, then it would be feasible to go through the insurance.

"Now we are using the money allocated to buy new equipment to replace the stolen equipment," he said.

Some equipment has been missing on a regular basis for the past two years. Measures were instituted to stem the flow of stolen equipment, but they were not all effective, Mr. Mottola said.

"Now I keep my eyes open on the monitor."

If the problem gets any worse the equipment will have to be restricted. Ryerson College has a sign out policy; the student must check out the equipment from a wicket using his student I.D. card as a credit card. If the equipment is not returned then the marks of that student are withheld at the end of the year until the missing equipment is returned.

All the scopes, and computers are locked into place leaving them available but they cannot be moved around for easier use, Mr. Mottola said.

Locks are for honest people only, because if someone wants something he just takes it, even if it is locked and bolted down, he said.

Clark Spiece

Memorial scholarship fund set up in remembrance

A memorial scholarship is being set up by students in the mechanical and manufacturing program in memory of student Clark Spiece who was killed in a car crash in December.

The students wanted to do something for Clark, Nick Ciolfi, program co-ordinator, said.

Clark was in business for himself repairing automotive and small engines for clients, Mr. Ciolfi said.

"He was quite knowledgeable in small engines and automotive repairs."

"We would like to raise $1,500 so the scholarship will last a few years," Mr. Ciolfi said. The money would be kept in a trust fund and a $100 scholarship per year would be made available to a particular student.

Anyone wanting to donate to the Clark Spiece Scholarship Fund can make the cheque payable to Clark Spiece Scholarship Fund, Awards Office, Niagara College, Woodlawn Road, Welland, Ont. L3B 5S2.

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Safety serious issue in theatre, chemical use can be hazardous

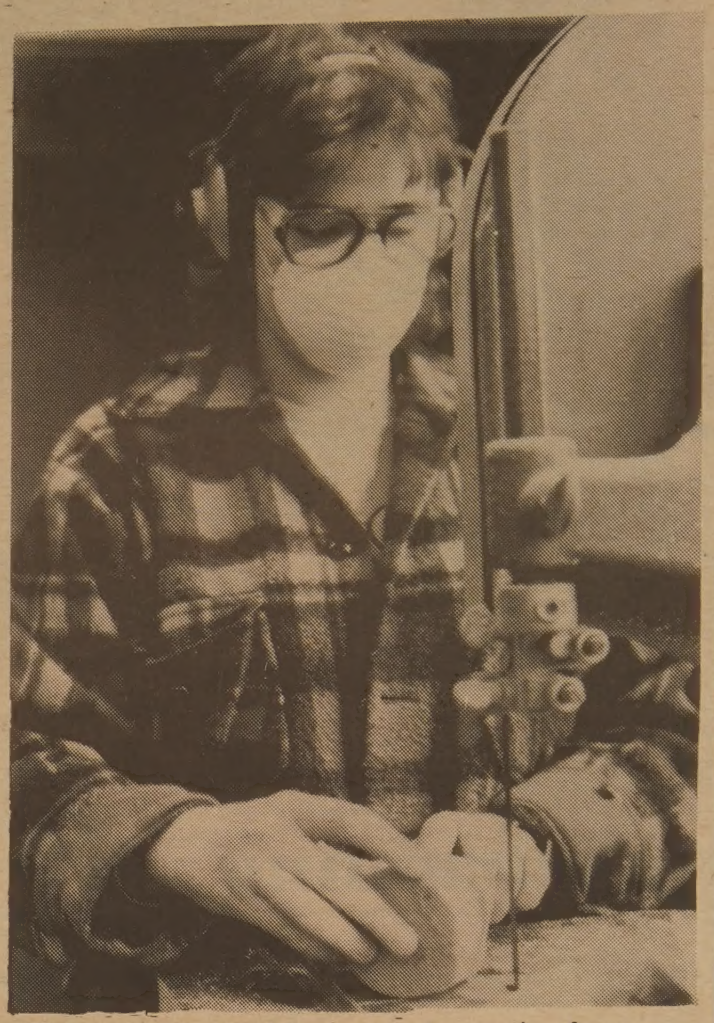
By SUSAN WRAY
Staff Writer

Safety is a serious issue in theatre and the Niagara College Theatre Centre is in the "forefront" with a structured program to check potential hazards.

Ron Lightfoot, faculty adviser on safety, said hazards in the theatre are not so much physical, but are due to chemicals. "Theatre people tend to use what works. Sometimes we have to use chemicals to get the effect we need.

A chart is kept of all chemicals the Theatre Centre uses and their effects so that precautions can be taken. Material data safety sheets can be obtained on request from a company about their product, what's in it and what you need to protect yourself, Mr. Lightfoot said.

The use of methylhydrate can cause kidney failure when absorbed through the skin and has been replaced with denatured alcohol.



When working on a bandsaw, important precautions for protection are essential to avoid accidents. Theatre student Canusjka Van Bergeijk guards her hearing and sight as well as protecting herself from inhaling harmful dust particles.
Photo by Susan Wray

Theatre student Darren Levstek knows the importance of wearing a face guard to protect his eyesight when working on the lathe. The Theatre Centre's top priority is to take safety precautions in all departments to avoid unnecessary hazards.
Photo by Susan Wray

CHRONIC ILLNESS

Some people who worked in small theatres 20 years ago have developed chronic illnesses, he said. "It's traceable back to when they used these hazardous chemicals."

Mr. Lightfoot brought his knowledge of safety from the Stratford and Shaw festivals, setting up a formal program at the Niagara College Theatre Centre in 1984 and 1985.

"These theatres have a legal obligation to protect the workers," he said. "Coming out of the business I found it easier to structure a system."

A film is shown at the beginning of the year to increase students awareness of health and safety, alone with appointing second and third-year students as heads of each department. "If you go through the proper channels things tend to get done," Mr. Lightfoot said.

Ruth Lawrence, head of the wardrobe department, says the new ventilation system installed last year gets a lot of use, but she is concerned about poor ventilation in the dye room.

NEEDS AIR

The room is all closed in with only a fan to circulate the air, she said. "What we need is something to take the air out and bring fresh air in."

"It's one of our priorities," Mr. Lightfoot said. "Right now we're trying for a ventilation system in the dye room." Jack Spittle, plant and property manager at the Welland Campus, "has been pretty good."

SAFETY FEE

A new policy this year requires students to pay a safety fee of $10 to cover the costs of disposable safety equipment, such as rubber gloves, hearing protection and masks.

This is done to ensure materials are always available, he said. "I think students appreciate it more when they're paying for it."

"All students here a required to have a first aid course; it's mandatory to graduate," Mr. Lightfoot said. Accidents have been minor with only cuts and bruises. "What it works down to is, people aren't paying attention to what they're doing. It's impossible to teach common sense."

Carelessness is the major cause of accidents. "Theatre is such a rushing business,"

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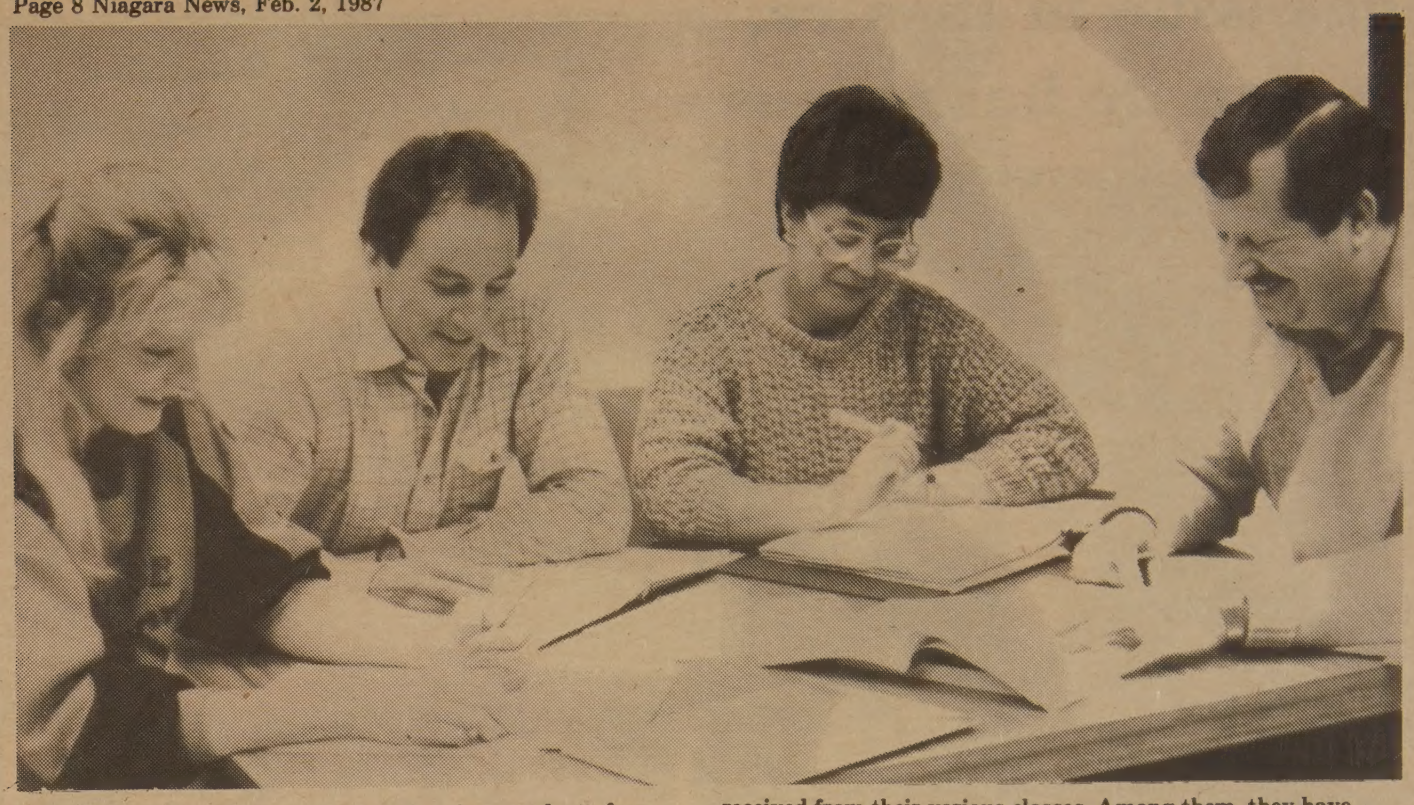

For the first time, Niagara College has four students from one industry attending general college to upgrade their skills. Barbara Britton, left; Bill Reid, Joanne Daniels, and Gerald Reid, all from Brights Foods, attend to homework they have received from their various classes. Among them, they have 50 years experience at Brights Foods.

Photo by Marlene Nagel

Brights employees retraining

Four workers from Brights Foods who total 50 years experience have come to Niagara College this term to upgrade their skills.

" This is the first time since I've been co-ordinator that people who have been in industry for 20 years have come back to school to upgrade their skills through General College...during a regular school term," Alexandra Fic, co-irdinator, said.

The four are: Barbara Britton, warehouse clerk; Joanne Daniels, secretary and personnel assistant; Bill Reid, production foreman; and Gerald Reid, general foreman. They were picked by "what they will be doing when the computer installation comes through," Lorne Tice, financial manager, said.

Brights is computerizing all its plants and it's "much easier to train someone who is working for you in what you want...The more we know how to operate the system, the better we'll be," Mr. Tice said.

All four take a computer class and a leadership class. Other classes include word processing, labor unions, industrial management, and accounting.

"This is our off season and we can afford to be away for four months," Gerald Reid said.

They will be taking "better managerial skills" back to the plant with them and a "better understanding of human relations...how to get along with people in the union," Gerald said.

NERVOUS AT FIRST

They were all very nervous about attending the college, but Alexandra Fic, general college co-ordinator, helped them to feel more comfortable.

"She's wonderful," Ms. Daniels said. "I don't think we could have managed as well if it hadn't been for her."

"We didn't want to come," Bill Reid said, "but I think people get used to seeing you."

"We might have been intimidated at first but we're now settling in and enjoying it," Gerald Reid said.

"I felt I'd be out of place, but I haven't felt that," Ms. Daniels said.

All four found the college to be vastly different from the way they remembered high school.

"We expected notes every day instead of participating," Ms. Britton said.

"It seems so casual...not the same pressures," Ms. Daniels added.

"We communicate rather than just listen," Gerald Reid said. "And the time between classes really threw us."

"At work we work eight to four all day long," Ms. Daniels said.

Now that they have settled in they are all glad they were chosen to attend the college.

3 wait approval on China trip

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

Three Niagara College faculty members are waiting for approval to go to a Chinese vocational university for a three-week work project in March.

Dr. Anthony Knowles, dean of technology; Dr. Gordon Chen, electronics teacher; and George Repar, director of planning and development, are to provide technical assistance to Chang Sha University in Hunan Province.

The university, which has become a twin educational institute with Niagara, asked the college for technical help.

The faculty members submitted a proposal to the Association of Canadian Community Colleges who were in touch with the Chinese government.

"The Chinese are trying to improve their technical training, a push for trying to be more competitive with the Western world," Dr. Knowles said.

Chang Sha University is funded by the World Bank which has provided it with computer hardware and software.

The university needs assistance in using this equipment, in administration, strategic planning, computer programming applications, and departmental program design.

ASSESS NEEDS

"First we must do an assessment of what the Chinese have and work from there," Dr. Knowles said.

It certainly will be a busy three weeks, but a most interesting challenge. "The work will be showing them how to use he programming software and hardware."

Dr. Knowles said, "We will help them with whatever they want. If they want us to teach them Basic or Fortran — computer language — we will."

All the costs for this trip to China are being paid for by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges. They are also paying replacement teachers to come into Niagara College for the three weeks the technical team will be away from classes.

Even though the team has not received conformation for the trip, they are preparing themselves by getting their shots.

There are a lot of precautionary measures to be taken when going on a trip like this, Dr. Knowles said. The team must receive shots against hepatitis, and typhoid, and malaria pills.

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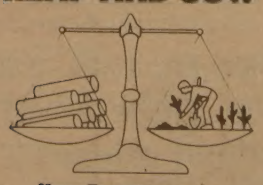

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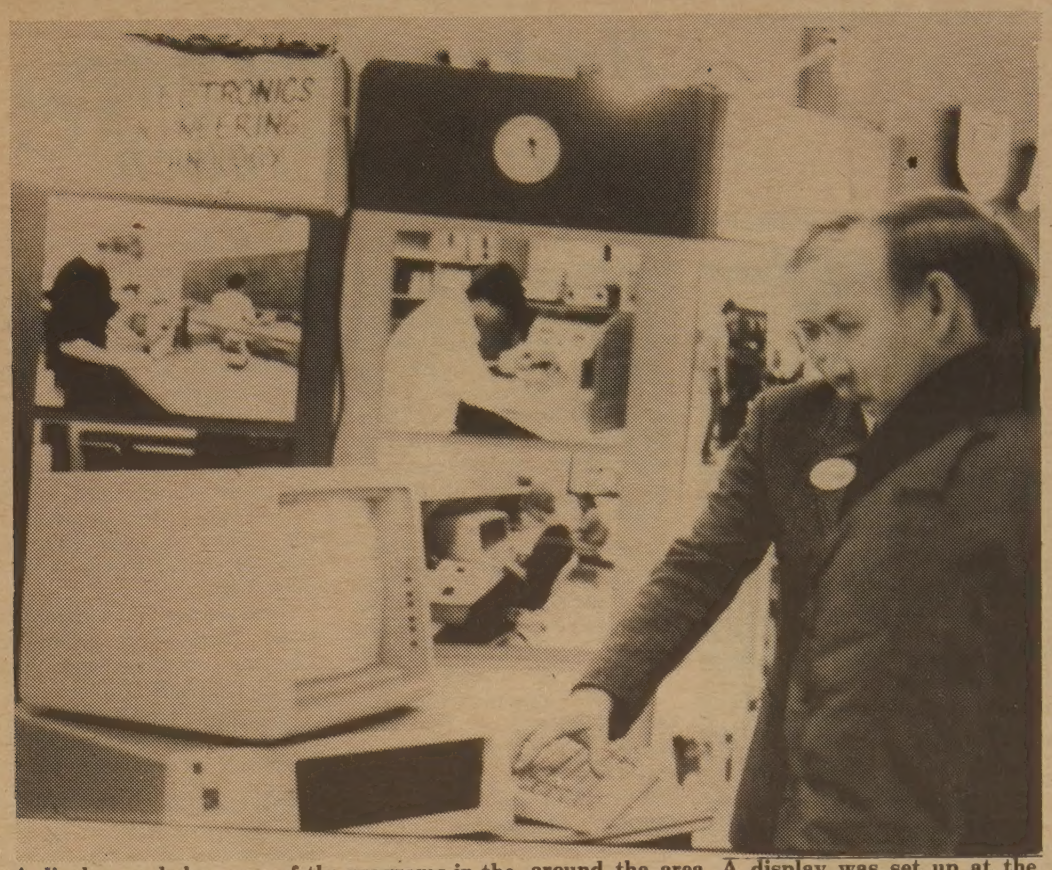

A display made by some of the programs in the school of technology, at the Seaway Mall Jan. 23, brought people young and old to experiment with the computers set up to demonstrate their ability and to explain the courses. Roy Blake, teacher of electronics, half hidden, shows Dan Bartlett, a health and safety supervisor, how to work one of the computers set up for display. The four programs in technology which set up the display, chemistry, computer, electrical and electronics, hope to promote their courses in several malls around the area. A display was set up at the Niagara Regional Fair in September. During the day at Seaway Mall all the instructors and secretaries of the programs involved volunteered their time to show people what can be done in their programs. People could leave their names and numbers on the computers so they could receive more information. About 20 people did. The display was at the mall from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Photo by Anne Gable

A Touch of Class, step back in time

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

Growing up in a town which at its height had 11 antique stores along a one-mile strip in Waterdown, Ont., I find myself really appreciating the age and beauty of antiques.

One particular store is to me a step back into time. Except for the sound of cars going by on the road outside, it's like stepping back to the early 1900s.

The rooms are set up to represent a dining room, salon or a series of bedroom suites. A Touch of Class is a unique store that has set up each of its rooms to look as they might have looked 100 years ago.

The furniture has the smooth, graceful lines that remind me of an elegance long forgotten in our day of mass-produced furniture. Another store that stands out from the rest and comes close to the elegance of A Touch of Class is simply labelled Antiques. The store was once a bank, and one of the only buildings to survive a fire in 1916 that almost demolished Waterdown.

Elegant

But to me, A Touch of Class is the most elegant store in Waterdown. It conveys the beauty and elegance of an era that has only a few pieces of furniture or dishes left to convey its atmosphere.

Looking among the typical bits and pieces of china, I found an international array of teacups, saucers and candy dishes; there were a flowered teacup from Germany, a Nippon candy dish and a set of Royal Albert teaware spread around the salon and dining room, waiting for the ladies to come back and enjoy their tea.

Intriguing

The delicacy of the dishes is intriguing, the designs eye-catching and their history hidden among the veils of time.

I have always wondered what history these bits of furniture could tell if they could speak. Did local or national dignitaries dine upon them? The pre-1900 dining room suite — what elegant repast was enjoyed by distinguished company upon it before the time of electricity?

Or upstairs in the bedrooms with the hand-carved bedroom suites. Who owned them 50 or 100 years ago? I always wonder how many births and deaths they gave silent testimony to over the years.

But I guess I'll never know now. I can only admire the furniture and wonder.

War-torn Europe forces Dutch to Canada

By MICHAEL SCHALK
Staff Writer

Liberation, 1945! The Netherlands were finally clear of the tyranny of the Third Reich. Canadian troops had just cleared the Lowlands but the years of warfare had its cost.

The land was overcrowded and all that was left were bad paying factory jobs, Bentje, a 46-year-old immigrant of 35 years, remembered. Groningen, the province she lived in, was hard hit by the war. "The Germans carried off most of the animals, and all kinds of machinery, right down to our bicycles."

Peter, who came to Canada in 1948, described the desperate plight of the city dwellers. Sitting in the kitchen of his modest house he looked up over the rim of his coffee mug.

"There were a lot of hungry people who would wait at our door hoping to have a few scraps from what we raised on the farm," he said in his slightly accented English.

"If you were good at stealing you never had to go hungry. The Germans stole our bikes, gas, coal, horses, and, sometimes, even women."

Bentje sat down at the table and sipped her coffee. "Some of the food that could be had was often dumped in the canals to prevent the Germans stealing it."

Arrested

"My older brother, Douwe, was arrested by the Gestapo for dumping milk into the canal. If my mother had not pleaded with the Germans he would have been shot with the rest."

The overcrowded countryside began to cause problems of starvation. The government of the Netherlands allowed the large, agricultural families to leave.

"We came to Canada because two of my sisters had already settled here and we thought it best to stay together," Becky said, without the traditional Dutch accent.

"We were told that we would be going to South America," but, somewhere, they decided to send us to Halifax.

"We were not leaving Holland to go to Canada because of poverty. We left because the boys of 18 were being drafted and sent to the West Indies."

The ships used to transport the immigrants in the immediate post-war era ranged from troopships to fertilizer ships.

Seasick

"We were seasick for the entire passage when the food on the ships was served free," Bentje said. "Once we were on the train to Ontario we ate so much that we almost broke dad."

Once in Canada, the Dutch immigrants were faced with mixed reactions from the Canadians.

"The Dutch could not have welcomed the Canadians the same way they welcomed us," Bentje remembered.

Settling in Delaware, Ont., Bentjes' family received its first shock. They had moved in on a farm next to an Indian reserve.

"They (Canadians) told us horror stories about the Indians that scared us," she said. "The house, don't ask about the house; it was knee deep in dirt."

While living on the farm they received $10 a week, milk and free rent for the work they did on the farm. At the time five of the 12 children lived at home.

Peter interrupted with the conditions his parents faced in Renfrew with 10 children on a farm some miles from a road.

"There was no plumbing, central heating or hydro," he said. "You wake up in the morning with an inch of frost on the covers and we slept four to a bed to keep warm."

He laughed as he remembered more from his introduction to Canada. "The rats were thick in the basement and we were too scared to go down. Some people had it even rougher but, it was pretty bad."

The countryside was beautiful in its natural way as it was set back in the bush away from people.

"The groundhogs were bad," he remembered. "There were five to every bean that we planted. Every spring we shot dozens of them."

In the mid 1950s his family moved to Lobo (about 20 minutes from London) where they "had everything but a bathroom."

"The jobs were always there if you needed them and looked hard enough," he said.

Peter worked in jobs ranging from a bread peddler to a cement finisher that he is now.

School was never encouraged by parents, Bentje said as she poured another cup of coffee. It was normal for the children to quit school as soon as they could read and write.

"In Holland the teachers looked down on the poorer children from the large families and treated us like dirt," Bentje said. "That is why we felt we needed to leave our homes."

In Canada the immigrants found that although they were not looked down on they were still having "trouble making ends meet."

Today

Today the Canadians and the Dutch immigrants from the post-war era have few distinctions. Many of the immigrants have bought the large farms around where they had once worked.

On many country roads the names of typical Dutch families may be read off the mailboxes standing to one side of the road.

Wherever these immigrants settled they had an influence upon the ideas of the family, church and community.

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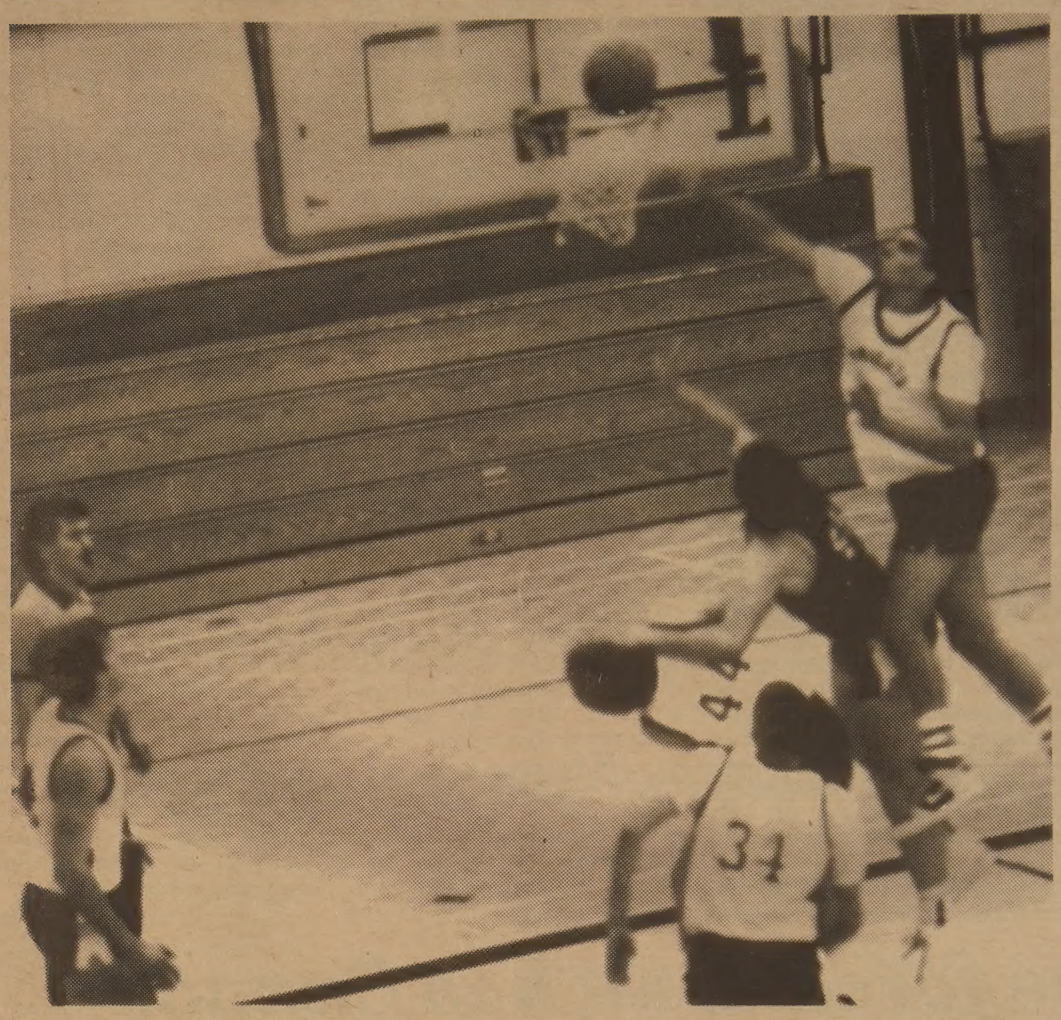

Six-foot-eight Fred Jashanmal bounds over the Humber Hawk defence to complete a successful lay-up while Chris Mudjar (44) runs some interference. Gord Bonisteel (34) and Dave Hartmann cover all angles to recover a possible rebound.

Photo by Blair Carr

Basketball team shows hustle but comes up short to Hawks

By BLAIR CARR
Staff Writer

When the going is tough, the Knights keep going.

Despite a seven-game losing streak, the Niagara men's basketball team showed optimism and hustle to keep close with the first-place Humber Hawks for most of the game.

The score on Jan. 22 was a lopsided 90-62 Humber win but at least it was no easy victory.

"They tried to blow us out and couldn't," assistant coach Bob Bedesky said. "They played much better (than usual) but still not good enough (to win)."

The Knights have to face their losing ways and "recognize the realistic, gutsy approach is the only approach," Bedesky said of the team which has a record of 2-9.

In comparison, the Knights are a first-year team in last place playing against the third best team in Canada.

NO COMMENT

Coach Steve Holman refused to comment, because he was angry over a Jan. 19 Niagara News editorial by Martin Pokol condemning Mr. Bedesky for disparaging remarks about the team.

In the first half, the Knights constant defensive pressure in the zones kept the Toronto team honest. The Hawks countered with tight man-to-man coverage which unleashed their fast break, producing a 10-point lead at halftime.

The defence kept the team in the game when the margin was 10 but missed offensive opportunities due to a lack of discipline.

Offensively the Knights' guards seemed indecisive in their quarterbacking and often the 30-second shot clock was their worst enemy.

MORE OPEN

By contrast the second-half was more wide open as the Hawks spread out their attack, closing in on their prey. This shift in offence gave them the extra room to shoot from outside, also pulling the defence out.

"They're good shooters. They (the Hawks) did not miss on 10-15 foot opportunities."

Despite this, Niagara's Gord Bonisteel who led all scorers with 21 points. Fred Jashanmal, the Knights' usual high scorer, was kept to nine points but was still evident under the boards.

For Humber, Matt Carlucci led the team with 20 points while Henry Fraser was next with 18. Rich Walker added 15 points and Maurice Armstrong 12.

The next game is Feb. 4 against the George Brown Huskies in Toronto.

Men's basketball

Bottom of heap

Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Basketball Standings in Men's Tier 1 as of Jan. 28, printed in The Toronto Star.

ONTARIO COLLEGES ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Men's Tier 1

Team	Games	Wins	Losses	Games back of lead
Humber	14	12	2	
Seneca	12	10	2	1
Mohawk	11	7	4	3½
Centennial	11	7	4	4½
Sheridan	10	6	4	4
Fanshawe	12	7	5	4
George Brown	12	5	7	6
Algonquin	12	3	9	8
Conestoga	12	3	9	8
St. Clair	13	3	10	8½
Niagara	11	2	9	8½

Hockey team wins playoffs in reach

The Knights totally dominated the University of Rochester Yellow Jackets last Saturday at the Welland Arena en route to a 9-1 lambasting.

Niagara opened the scoring with a Bob Thrower shot. Some good fore-checking by Doug Jones forced the Rochester defence to give up the puck in its own end and he got the pass to Thrower at the point.

The win places Niagara in fourth place with a record of 3-6-1. Buffalo has a 3-6-1 after beating Rochester 7-1 the night before. St. Bonaventure is in first place with a record of 7-0.

Niagara out-muscled the Yellow Jackets in the first period, jumping to a four goal lead. The second period was scoreless with both teams checking tightly and getting few good chances.

The third period got rough with both clubs taking some bad penalties. Terry Maisonneuve got his first of two goals and Niagara's fifth 20 seconds into the period. Tony Celli lost the shutout with only one minute left in the game when Rochester's Rick Alessi scored on a two-man advantaged.

Niagara Coach Fred Bassi said the game was the team's best overall effort this season and a win against Buffalo State on Feb. 20 should ensure it of a playoff spot.

Other scorers for Niagara were Doug Jones, Bob Bird, Ken Thornton, Wayne Conn, Pat Flynn and Mark Turner.

Niagara outshot Rochester 47-32 and the Knights hit the post and crossbar on several shots.

The Knights take on the St. Bonaventure Feb. 7 at the Welland Arena in its next league game.

St. Cath. Club

Niagara rink, 2nd in mixed curling

A Niagara College curling team placed second in a mixed bonspiel at the St. Catharines Curling Club on Jan. 24.

The team — Joel LaPalme, skip; Susan Harris, vice; John Shaw, second; and Janie Melnyk, lead — finished 2½ points behind the winning team from Hamilton, who were also the defending champions, in the bonspiel sponsored by Amstel Breweries.

The Niagara team competed in the first draw of the event winning both their games and finished with 33 points.

"We curled a lot better in the second game than the first, but we came up against a better team in the second game which made it closer," John said.

Niagara won its first game 6-2 against a weaker opponent and the second by a narrow margin of 7-6.

In the second Niagara came from behind 6-4 to take a single point in the seventh end and steal a point in the eighth end to tie game and force and extra end. In the extra end, Niagara stole another point to win the game.

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Knights player Jane Hargreaves puts defensive pressure on Chris Andrews

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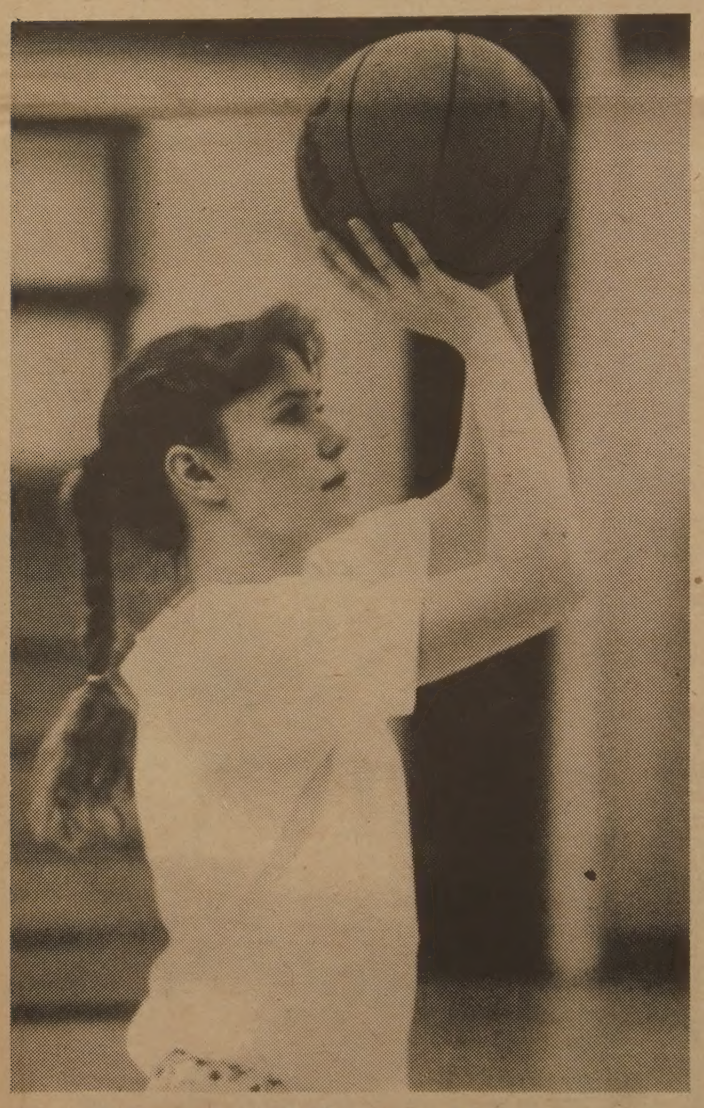

New player Marlene Quiring mentally prepares for a shot

Team practices hard for next league game

The Niagara Knights women's basketball team are preparing for a difficult road ahead as they wind down the season with hopes of gaining a playoff spot.

The team has been practicing since their game against the Centennial Colts Jan. 21. Knights coach Mizette Critelli said the team must be "well-prepared" for the upcoming games. "We have to learn to pass out of pressure, then control the offence."

The Knights' next game is a tough one as they face one of the top teams, St. Clair College, on Feb. 7 in the college gym at 1 p.m.

In preparation for the important game, the Knights scrimmaged against a regional team on Jan. 26, and held regular practices Wednesday through Friday; they also played an exhibition game on the 31st at the college. The workout continues throughout this week before the game.

Team standings

International Collegiate Hockey League Standings as of Jan. 28.

HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

Teams	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties
St. Bonaventure	7	7	0	0
Erie Community	8	5	2	1
Penn State	7	4	2	1
Niagara	10	3	6	1
Buffalo	10	3	6	1
U. of Rochester	10	2	8	0

Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Basketball Standings in Women's Tier 1 as of Jan. 28, printed in The Toronto Star.

Women's Tier 1				Games back of lead
Mohawk	6	5	1	
St. Clair	8	6	2	
Centennial	8	5	3	1
Fanshawe	8	5	3	1
George Brown	8	4	4	2
Seneca	8	4	4	2
Niagara	8	3	5	3
Algonquin	9	0	9	6½

Turnout poor for hockey

The Buffalo Sabres hockey match-up against the Pittsburgh Penguins last Wednesday did not go over as well as expected. Only 12 or 13 people attended the game though 25 tickets were available.

Andre Hebert, vice-president of athletics for the Student Administrative Council, said he had good seats for the game at a good price, only $25. This included the bus and admission to the game.

Weight Watchers

By ANNE GABLE
Staff Writer

On Monday nights when most people are enjoying a hearty dinner or a rich dessert, a group of 75 people are meeting to try to combat the effects of overindulgence.

They are students, teachers, professionals, housewives, men and women, each working towards becoming slimmer, fitter and feeling better about themselves.

This is accomplished by using the Weight Watchers diet and exercise program developed over the past 21 years that have made Weight Watchers the number one weight loss group in Canada.

Kim, who has lost 62½ pounds through the program, said "You feel and act like a different person without the extra weight."

The key to losing weight is patience, Jo-Anne Larmon, leader of the Welland Weight Watchers and lifetime member, said.

Exercise

Diet is not the right word to describe Weight Watchers' programs. Exercise, a balanced diet, moral support and the camaraderie of having people fighting the same problem with you is as much part of the program as the diet is.

But the responsibility for losing the weight falls upn the individual. As members chanted, "If it is to be it is up to me."

Dawn said, "A weight problem is the same as having a drug or alcohol problem; until you admit you have a problem you can't do anything about it and you can't fight it alone — whether you go to Weight Watchers or just have someone telling you you can do it. Once you admit you have a problem you need help. That's what the group is for."

Advice

Moral support and advice play a big part in Weight Watchers' meetings. It is a casual atmosphere with people throwing in comments and ideas about how they got over difficult periods.

Donna, who is having trouble sticking to her diet was feeling discouraged and wanted to quit. But the members around her said, "We are glad you are here, you brighten the group," or "Everybody has felt that way and tomorrow is a new day." But the most important statement was, "You matter, to us and to yourself; please stay and try a little more."

Throughout the meeting it was stressed: You can only lose weight for yourself. Do not be dependent on other people to tell you to lose weight. You have to want to for yourself.

Exercise is a big part of the program. It tightens muscles and makes them more flexible while trimming fat off the body. Weight Watchers stresses stretching, swimming, bicycling, walking or jogging as the greatest and easiest ways to exercise muscles.

The Welland Weight Watchers program meets at the Holy Trinity Church on Division Street, with people from all over the area coming to it in all sorts of weather.

The Health Centre Nurse, Dawn Hall, said she hopes to form a Weight Watchers group at the college starting in February, but she needs 20 members.

Winter stronghold

During the fierce winters of the 40s and the ferocious winters of the 50s, this 150-year-old house in Carlisle, Ont., withstood the worst winter had to throw at it. Now in the lee before the storm, the house stands strong and staunch waiting to see if winter has anything more. The animals move restlessly within the barn waiting for spring to come again, but until then, they low quietly and munch the sweet-smelling hay as they dream of spring.

Photo by Anne Gable

Edmond Wilson

Mistaken identity dead wrong

By MARTIN POKOL
Staff Writer

Will the real Edmund or Edmond Wilson please stand up.

This was a famous quote from the television game show To Tell the Truth.

But for Edmond Wilson, Niagara College English teacher, it is a real and flattering experience being mistaken for a famous American writer who, incidentally, has been dead for 15 years.

Mr. Wilson receives mail from all across the United States from men and women who believe he is Edmund Wilson, the famous author and literary critic who died in 1972.

"I receive letters from all across the U.S. requesting permission to print sections of books that I supposedly have written," Mr. Wilson said.

"I write back to these people and wish them luck at publishing the excerpt because I am dead."

Anyone can make the mistake because the difference in the spelling of the names is minimal. Niagara College's Mr. Wilson spells his first name Edmond, with an o and the writer, Mr. Wilson, spells his Edmund, with a u.

Edmund Wilson was one of the most distinguished, and influential of American writers. He wrote 25 books of literary criticism, social commentary, history, fiction, poetry, and drama. He also wrote Scrolls of the Dead Sea in 1955.

"I am very flattered for being compared to the great writer; but I try to be funny in my responses back to the people who have written," Mr. Wilson said.

"I think it is really funny that people think that I am Edmund Wilson."

Mr. Wilson died July 12, 1972, at the age of 77.

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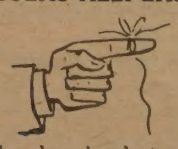

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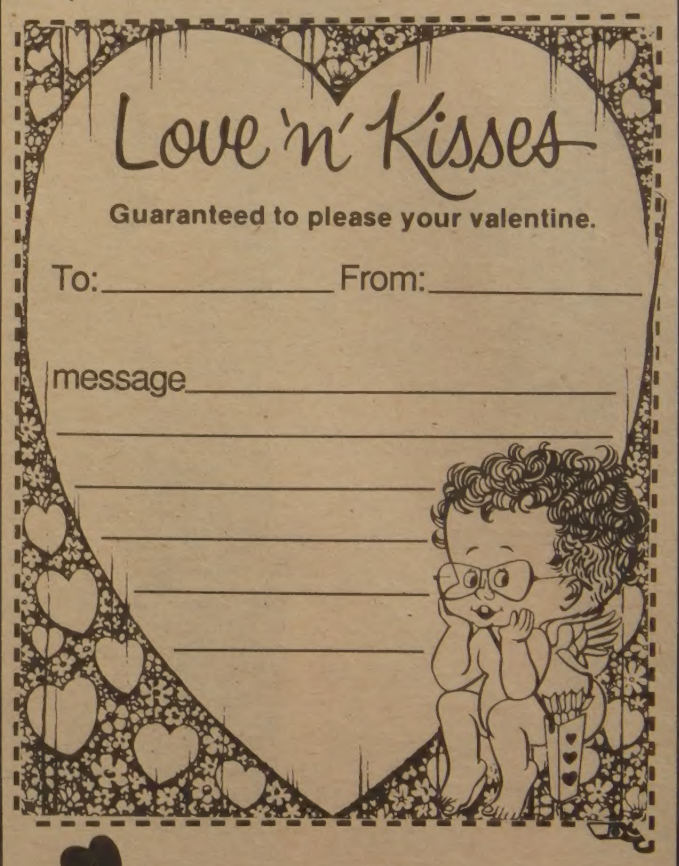

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